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**SKILLS PAGE**

**9.3 Active and passive voice**

MY SENTENCE: Stoves are what the average person cooks food with or on, irons are used to unwrinkle clothes, and lipstick is used as a cosmetic that a girl can apply.

EXPLANATION: Use the passive voice sparingly. The passive voice is less direct, less forceful, and less concise than the active voice (pg 213).  
REVISED EXAMPLE: The average person cooks food with or on **a stove**, clothes are unwrinkled **with irons**, and girls can apply **lipstick, a type of cosmetic**.

ORIGINAL EXAMPLE: Melissa **danced** at the concert last night.